

MEDICATION COVERAGE POLICY

PHARMACY AND THERAPEUTICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

POLICY	Cosmetic Agents	LAST REVIEW	2/12/2019
THERAPEUTIC CLASS	Miscellaneous	REVIEW HISTORY	2/18, 2/17, 2/16
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This policy has been developed through review of medical literature, consideration of medical necessity, generally accepted medical practice standards, and approved by the HPSJ Pharmacy and Therapeutic Advisory Committee.

OVERVIEW

Per Title XIX, Social Security Act, Section 1927(d)(2), agents when used for cosmetic purposes or hair growth are specifically excluded from State Plan coverage. A medication is considered to be a “cosmetic agent” when:

- Used for hair growth or hair removal;
- Used for depigmenting or whitening (melasma, acanthosis nigricans);
- Used for photo-aging (wrinkles) or photo-damaged (solar lentigines, age spots);
- Used for stretch marks;

In general, if an agent is intended for beautifying, promoting attractiveness, or altering the appearance, without treating a diagnosed underlying medical condition, this treatment will be considered "cosmetic."

Examples of cosmetic agents include:

- Rogaine
- Propecia
- Latisse
- Vaniqa
- Hydroquinone products
- Tretinoin (when used for wrinkles or scars)
- Topical Corticosteroids (when used for hair growth)

REFERENCES

- Title XIX, Social Security Act, Section 1927(d)(2)

REVIEW & EDIT HISTORY

Document Changes	Reference	Date	P&T Chairman
Creation of Policy	Medi-Cal EOC 2011.pdf	2011	Allen Shek, PharmD, BCPS
Update to Policy	2013 Medi_Cal EOC.pdf	2013	Allen Shek, PharmD, BCPS
Review of Policy	HPSJ Coverage Policy – Miscellaneous – Cosmetic Agents 2016-02.docx	2/2016	Johnathan Yeh, PharmD
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Note: All changes are approved by the HPSJ P&T Committee before incorporation into the utilization policy